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1. AT REQUEST OF MR. SOMECK, CONGEN HAS GATHERED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON SEAMEN'S TRAINING IN HONG KONG.

2. EIGHT SCHOOLS ARE OPERATED IN HONG KONG. THEY ARE SUPERVISED BY BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT. ONLY ONE -- THE STANLEY SEA SCHOOL -- RECEIVES A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY (ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF TUITION COSTS).

3. INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOLS IS LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT: NAME; TYPES OF COURSES; FACILITIES; RECRUITMENT OF STUDENTS; HOW FINANCED.

A. WORLD WIDE SEA TRAINING (EVENING) SCHOOL; SENIOR NAVIGATION FOR DECK CADETS, DECK APPRENTICE FOR DECK RATINGS, JUNIOR NAVIGATION FOR GP RATINGS, ENGINE COURSE FOR ER RATINGS, STEWARD COURSE FOR CATERING RATINGS; CLASSROOM ONLY; STUDENTS ARE EMPLOYEES OF WORLD WIDE (SHIPPING) LTD.; COSTS ARE BORNE BY WORLD WIDE.

B. PRIVATE SEA TRAINING EVENING SCHOOL; PRE-SEA DECK CADET TRAINING (BASIC); CHIEFLY CLASSROOM BUT SOME

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PRACTICAL TRAINING ON SHIPBOARD; SOME STUDENTS ARE

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RECOMMENDED BY SHIPPING FIRMS BUT OTHERS ENROL ON OWN;
PRIVATE.

C. ISLAND NAVIGATION OFFICER TRAINING CLASS;
PRIMARILY BASIC TRAINING BUT SOME UPGRADING; CLASSROOMS
ARE USED, BUT AT LEAST HALF OF TRAINING IS AT SEA;
SUCCESSFUL ENTRANTS BECOME EMPLOYEES OF ISLAND NAVIGATION
COMPANY; ALL COSTS BORNE BY ISLAND NAVIGATION. ISLAND
NAVIGATION ALSO FULLY FINANCES TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAIWAN
WITH NO GROC SUBSIDY.

D. HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL, STANLEY; BASIC TRAINING
FOR SEAMEN AND STEWARDS; THIS IS A BOARDING SCHOOL FOR
UNDERPRIVILEGED BOYS SEEKING A SEA CAREER; CLASSROOM
PLUS SMALL CRAFT; MOST BOYS ENROL ON THEIR OWN, A FEW ARE
RECOMMENDED BY WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS; IN ADDITION TO HKG
SUBSIDY AND COMMUNITY CHEST FUNDS, SCHOOL RECEIVES DONA-
TIONS IN CASH AND KIND FROM PRIVATE BENEFACTORS.

E. FAR EAST SEA TRAINING SCHOOL; BASIC PRE-SEA
TRAINING; CLASSROOMS PLUS SHIP VISITS; MOST STUDENTS
ENROL ON THEIR OWN, A FEW ARE SENT BY PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS;
PRIVATELY FINANCED.

F. KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE; BASIC
PRE-SEA TRAINING; UNDETERMINED (TRAINING IS SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 1975); UNDETERMINED BUT WILL
PROBABLY BE ON BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF WELFARE AGENCIES;
FINANCED BY THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION.

G. HONG KONG SEAMEN'S TRAINING SCHOOL; UPGRADING
OF GP RATINGS; CLASSROOMS ONLY; STUDENTS ARE ALL EMPLOYEES
OF SPONSORING COMPANIES; FINANCED BY SHELL COMPANY OF
HONG KONG LTD., CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD., AND J. E. J.
DENHOLM SHIP (MANAGEMENT) LTD.

H. ASSOCIATED VOCATIONAL TRAINING EVENING SCHOOL;
BASIC PRE-SEA TRAINING; CLASSROOMS PLUS SHIP VISITS
(SCHOOL LOCATED AT TAIKOO DOCKYARD); STUDENTS SENT BY
EMPLOYERS; PRIVATE.

4. TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE HOW
MUCH ANY ONE SHIPPING COMPANY SPENT ON TRAINING IN
CY 1971. WHEN WE HAVE THIS INFORMATION, WE WILL FORWARD
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